Agricultural motor exhibition lorries for Andhra districts.

* 1695 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Andhra districts will be provided with a motor van to demonstrate agricultural propaganda; and

(b) if so, when?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government propose to provide motor exhibitions vans for the northern part of the presidency in the new financial year and provision has been made in the budget for that purpose. If this is voted by the Council, work on this van will be begun at once and it should be on the road by September or October next.

Industries

Qualifications of the present Research Assistant at the Tanur Experimental station.

* 1696 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state what qualifications the present Research Assistant at the Tanur Experimental station has for research work?

A.—For higher technological work, the present assistant is not qualified; but he has the requisite experience and knowledge to attend the manufacturing work now done at the station, such as curing of fish, extraction of fish oil, manufacture of fish meal and guano, etc.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister whether the research assistant is employed for manufacturing work only or for research work also?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"For both."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"Then why do they not keep a Research Assistant?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"There is no qualified man available at present. We are awaiting the report of the Fisheries Committee and on receipt of the same the matter will be considered."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether it is the proposal of the Government to appoint a real expert for the work?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Everything will depend upon the report of the Fisheries Committee."

Note.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**

II

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS.

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"Sir, I do not propose to present the report of the Select Committee appointed to consider certain draft amendments to Standing Orders 4, 8, 15, 20, 28, 30, 36, 38, 40, 41, 46, 52, 65, 67, 68, 80 and 80-A of the Madras Legislative Council."